

## CHAPTER 200

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN GRAHAM COUNTY.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

- SECTION 1. That every person residing in Graham County and having under his or her control a child or children between the ages of eight and sixteen years, shall cause such child or children to attend some public school, and such attendance shall continue for at least four months during each year. For every neglect of such duty the person offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, that an occasional absence from such attendance by such child or children amounting to not more than two unexcused absences in four consecutive weeks shall not be unlawful: *Provided, however*, that the superintendent, principal, or teacher in charge of such school may excuse any child for a temporary absence because of an unusual storm or bad weather, sickness or death in the child's family, unforeseen or unavoidable accident, and such excuse or reason therefor shall be recorded by said superintendent, principal, or teacher in charge of said school and reported to the attendance officer as hereinafter provided: *Provided, however*, that in case of protracted illness of any child whose attendance is required under this act, or in case of quarantine of the home in which the child resides, upon satisfactory evidence to this effect the attendance officer shall excuse from attendance such child until he is fully restored to health, or until such time as he shall be by law required to stay out of school after quarantine has been raised.
- SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of every parent, guardian, or other person in said county, having under his or her care a child between the ages of eight and sixteen years, to report to the teacher in charge, in writing, within three days, the cause of such absence, and for every neglect of such duty the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as hereinafter provided.
- SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of every teacher in each township to report weekly to the attendance officer the names of all children between the ages of eight and sixteen years who have been absent more than two days during the preceding four consecutive weeks together with the names of parents, guardian or other person in charge of such children.
- SEC. 4. That when any complaint is made to the attendance officer by any superintendent, principal, or other person in control of any school as above described, of the failure of any per-

Enforcement of attendance.

Term.

Misdemeanor.

Proviso: Occasional absence.

Proviso: Excuse.

Proviso: Protracted illness or quarantine.

Reports by parents or guardians.

Reports by teachers.

Investigation by attendance officer.